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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants transmit herewith a PTO form SB/08A listing references that were cited in the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 7,681,416, and in prosecution of a German patent that corresponds to that issued U.S. patent.

It is not believed that these references are important or even relevant to the claims of the present application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted purely in an overabundance of caution to avoid any question as to whether applicant has complied with its duty of disclosure to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

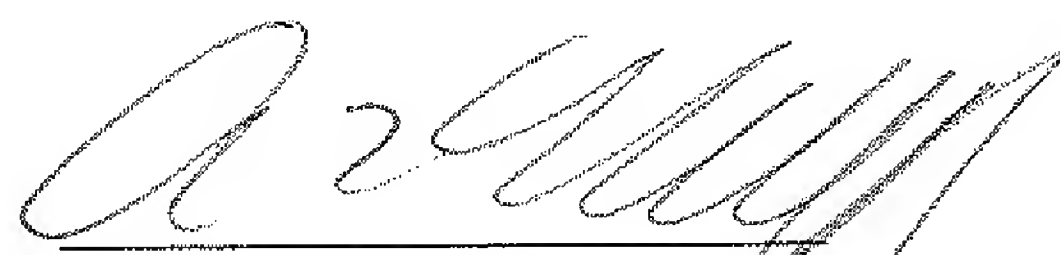
The potential relevance of these references was only suggested to attorney for applicant on or about May 20, 2010, when the Examiner asserted a double-patenting rejection of the claims in the above captioned application based on the claims of U.S. Patent 7,681,416. The listed references are simply the references that were cited in that application during prosecution.

Submission of these references should not be construed as an admission that any of the references are relevant to, or would be considered important in determining allowability of, the present application, or that any of these references is even actually prior art to the present U.S. application.

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Should any questions arise, the Patent Office is invited to telephone attorney for applicant at 212-490-3285.

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